



## Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument

Update — November 2002

As many of you know, we started the scoping phase of the RMP planning process in May followed by 11 open houses across northcentral Montana in July and August. Over 320 people attended these open houses and we quickly began receiving comments.

To date, we've received about 5,700 scoping comment letters and e-mails. Some were as brief as a sentence or two; others were over 25 pages long. Some were form letters and others were original. Some were full of substantive comments, while others conveyed a want or an opinion. They all indicated an interest in the management of public lands and resources.

We're now preparing a scoping report which will show the specific comments, issues, and resource programs discussed by different stakeholders during scoping. We hope to have the report finished this winter. The report will be available on our web page at [www.mt.blm.gov/lido/um](http://www.mt.blm.gov/lido/um). We will also send you a newsletter this winter, which will highlight the comments and issues discussed during scoping.

We're also finishing agreements with the State of Montana; Fergus, Blaine, Chouteau and Phillips Counties; and possibly the Fort Peck Tribes that will define their roles as cooperating agencies during the preparation of the resource management plan for this Monument.

With so many stakeholders contacting us by e-mail, it is becoming important that we know whether you would prefer to receive Monument-related information by regular mail rather than by e-mail. The advantage to e-mailed information is the savings on printing and mailing costs, but this is completely your preference. If you wish to receive further information by regular mail, please send your request to [monumentrmp@blm.gov](mailto:monumentrmp@blm.gov) and include your name and complete mailing address. We will then modify our mailing list to reflect the change.

We are determined to get information about this Monument and the planning process to everyone interested. However, if you wish to be removed from our mailing list or e-mail list, please contact Kay Haight at 406-538-1911 or send your request to [monumentrmp@blm.gov](mailto:monumentrmp@blm.gov). If we do not hear from you, information will continue to be sent to you via e-mail.

Sincerely,

Gary Slagel  
Monument Manager